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PART2

DAD'S GONNA BE ANGRY~ NO DOUBT ABOUT IT~
IT'S YOUR FAVORITE FISH, ISN'T IT?
EH? MI-KUN, YOU WON'T EAT YOUR MEAL?
I WON'T FORGIVE ANY CAT WHO HIDES!!
THAT SO?
SHE RAN AWAY 'CUZ YOU SCARED HER.
THEN IT'S BETTER THAT YOU JUST DON'T SCOLD HER.
WHAT WOULD WE DO IF SHE ACTUALLY WANTED TO RUN AWAY?
DON'T SWEAT IT. THIS IS MI-KUN'S HOUSE AFTER ALL.
IT'LL BE BAD IF SHE'S SO ANGRY SHE WON'T RETURN HOME...
HEY, MI-KUN!!
BUT IF I SPOIL HER...

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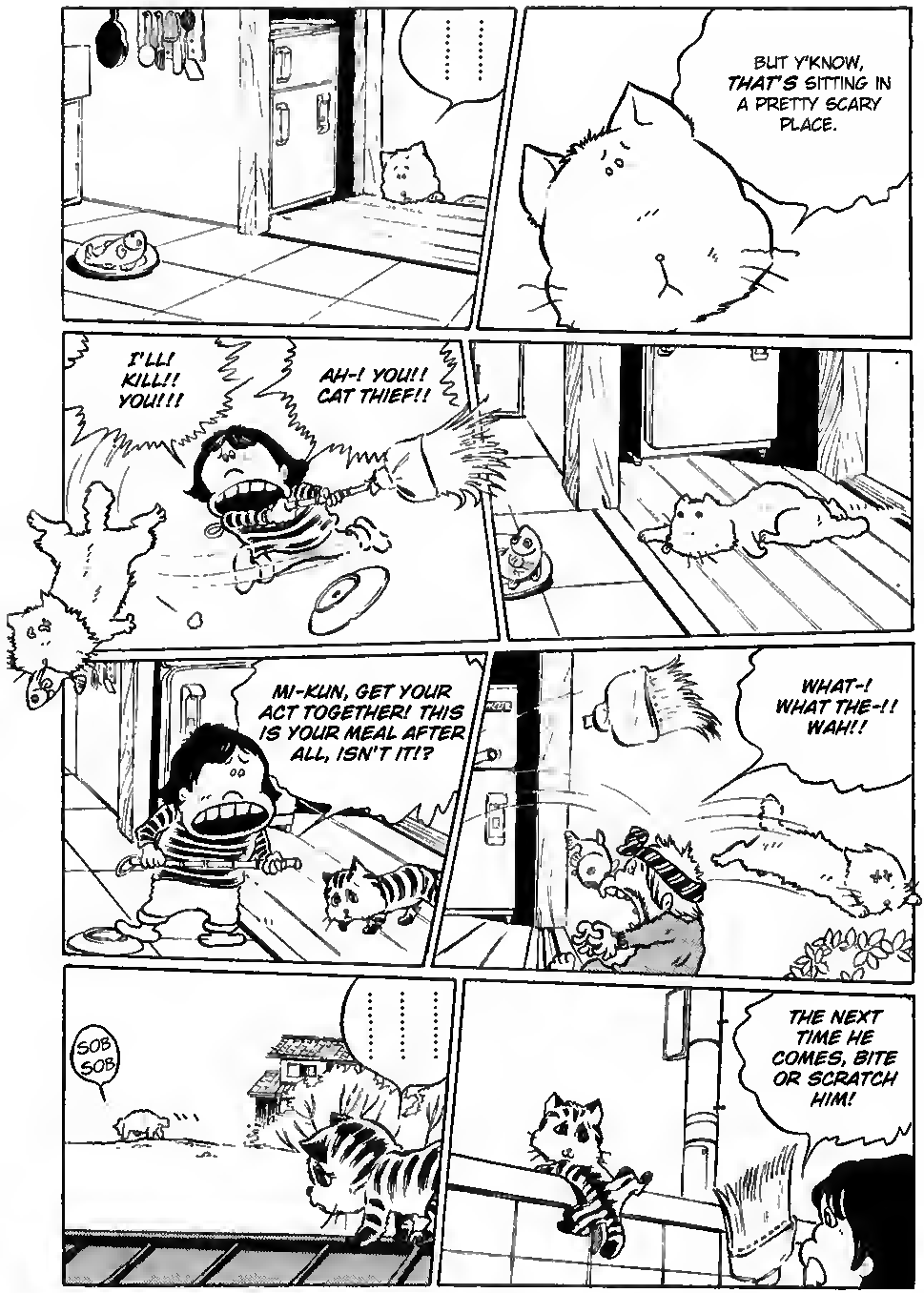
NAGO?
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT FOR?
THIS A DEMONSTRATION OF SELF-SUSTENCE SINCE YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE FOOD I GAVE YA?
WHAT'RE YOU UPSET FOR? FINE, LET'S GET ON HOME, C'MON.
IT'S NICE AND FAT, BAKE IT AND IT'LL SURELY BE DELICIOUS!
WHO WANTS IT?
THAT RIGHT? SO *THAT* IS FINE....?
IF IT WAS *THAT*, FINE, BUT THIS IS OFF-LIMITS.
NO WAY.
DO YOU MIND LETTING ME HAVE IT?
MI-KUN, THAT SPARROW YOU CAUGHT SURE LOOKS TASTY.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BUT Y'KNOW, THAT'S SITTING IN A PRETTY SCARY PLACE.
I'LL! KILL!! YOU!!!
AH-! YOU!! CAT THIEF!!
MI-KUN, GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER! THIS IS YOUR MEAL AFTER ALL, ISN'T IT!?
WHAT-! WHAT THE-!! WAH!!
SOB SOB
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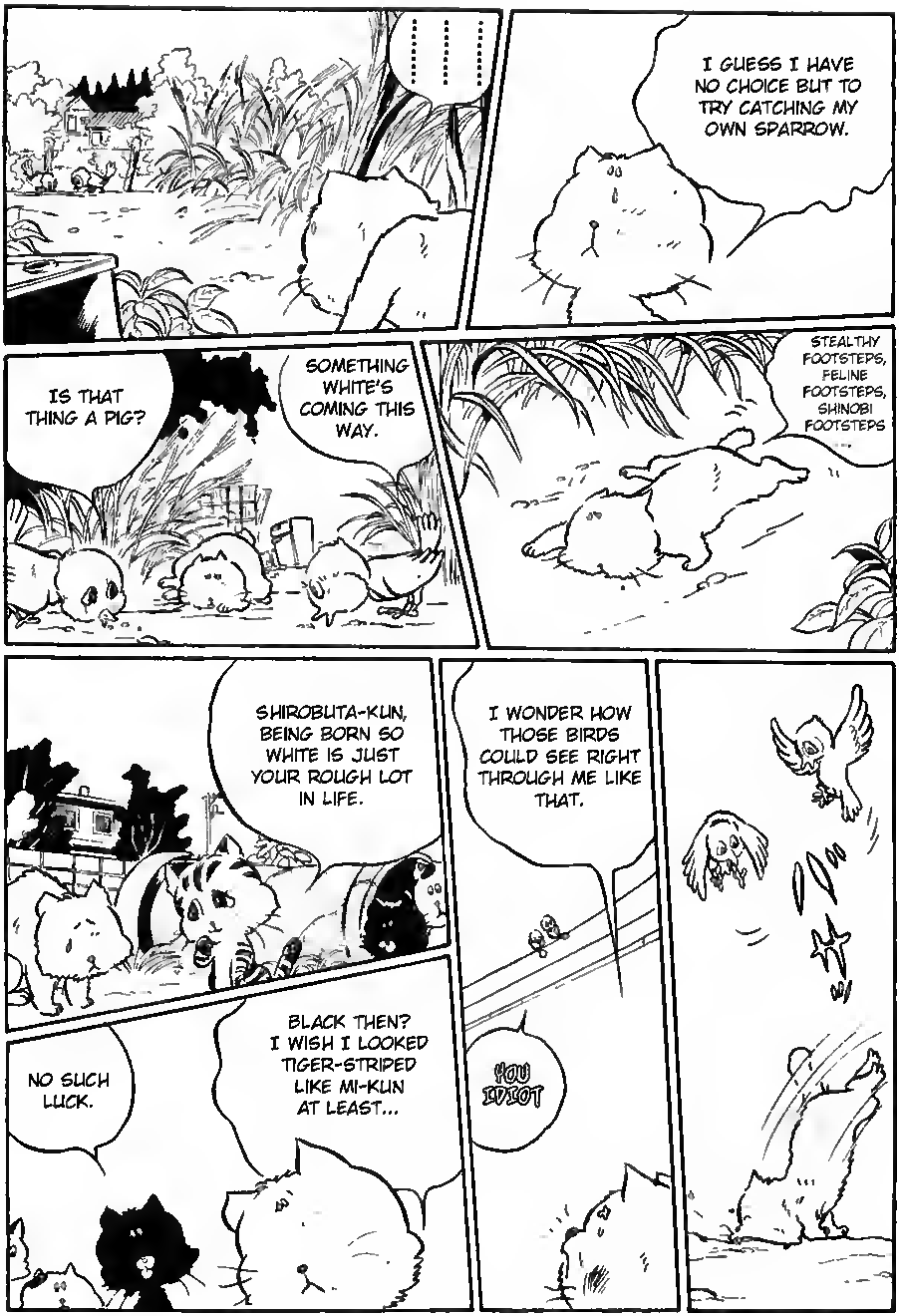
THE NEXT TIME HE COMES, BITE OR SCRATCH HIM!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I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TRY CATCHING MY OWN SPARROW.
IS THAT THING A PIG?
SOMETHING WHITE'S COMING THIS WAY.
STEALTHY FOOTSTEPS, FELINE FOOTSTEPS, SHINOBI FOOTSTEPS
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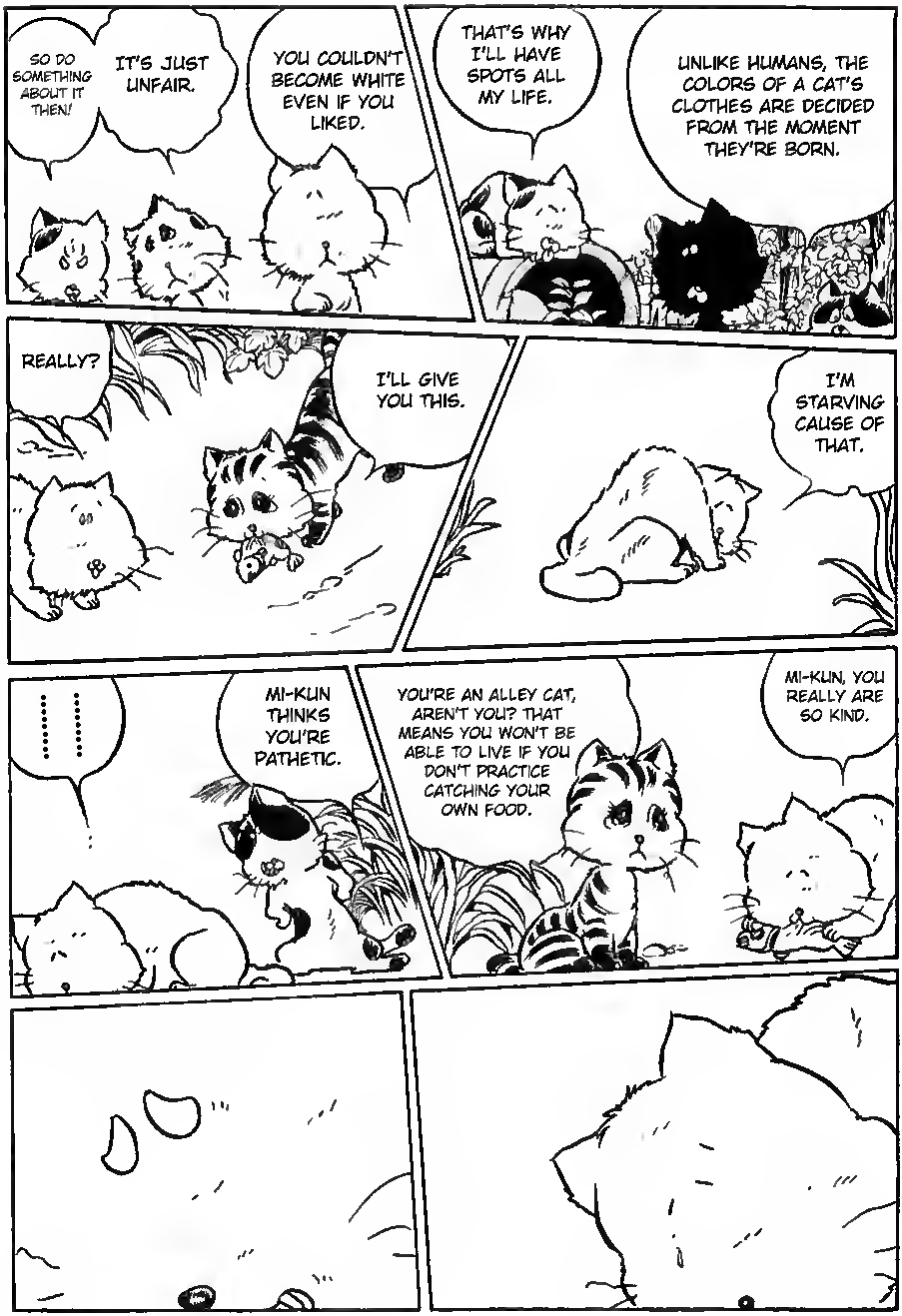
SHIROBUTA-KUN, BEING BORN SO WHITE IS JUST YOUR ROUGH LOT IN LIFE.
I WONDER HOW THOSE BIRDS COULD SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME LIKE THAT.
NO SUCH LUCK.
BLACK THEN? I WISH I LOOKED TIGER-STRIPED LIKE MI-KUN AT LEAST...
YOU IDIOT


SO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT THEN!
IT'S JUST UNFAIR.
YOU COULDN'T BECOME WHITE EVEN IF YOU LIKED.
THAT'S WHY I'LL HAVE SPOTS ALL MY LIFE.
UNLIKE HUMANS, THE COLORS OF A CAT'S CLOTHES ARE DECIDED FROM THE MOMENT THEY'RE BORN.
REALLY?
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS.
I'M STARVING CAUSE OF THAT.
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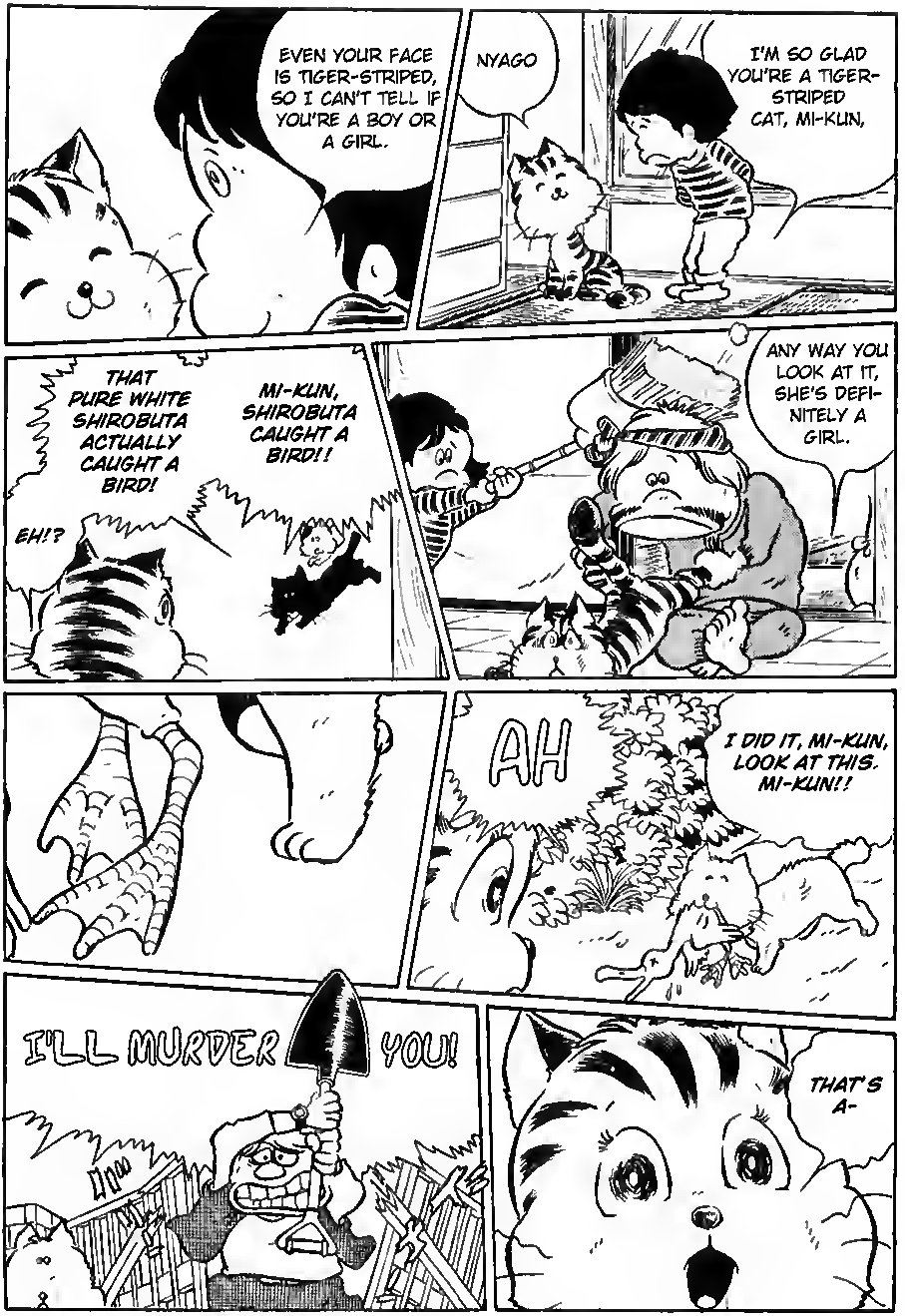
MI-KUN THINKS YOU'RE PATHETIC.
YOU'RE AN ALLEY CAT, AREN'T YOU? THAT MEANS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE CATCHING YOUR OWN FOOD.
MI-KUN, YOU REALLY ARE SO KIND.


EVEN YOUR FACE IS TIGER-STRIPED, SO I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE A BOY OR A GIRL.
NYAGO
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE A TIGER-STRIPED CAT, MI-KUN,
THAT PURE WHITE SHIROBUTA ACTUALLY CAUGHT A BIRD!
MI-KUN, SHIROBUTA CAUGHT A BIRD!!
EH!?
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, SHE'S DEFINITELY A GIRL.
AH
I DID IT, MI-KUN, LOOK AT THIS. MI-KUN!!
I'LL MURDER YOU!
THAT'S A-

GUH-
NYA-
KU!!
IF YOU'RE A CAT, THEN EVERY BIRD LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT...
IT'S STILL A BIRD.
YOU'RE AN IDIOT. THAT WAS THE BABY DUCK THAT PERSON WAS RAISING.
AAH, I WANNA BECOME A TIGER-STRIPED CAT...
YEAH, I GUESS...
IF MY FUR WAS STRIPED OR BLACK, I'D BE ABLE TO CATCH SPARROWS LIKE YOU, RIGHT?
WELL, MI-KUN.
I WANNA BECOME LIKE MI-KUN.
I WANNA BECOME A TIGER-STRIPED CAT...
I WANNA BECOME A TIGER-STRIPED CAT...
PLEASE EAT THIS.

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AH, YOU IDIOT!!
NYA NYA NYA
WHAT? YOU ALREADY WANT TO EAT AGAIN?
NYA NYA NYA
EH? REALLY?
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOUR BODY SOME COLOR.
FOLLOW ME, SHIROBUTA-KUN.
I THOUGHT I'D TRY AND GIVE SHIROBUTA SOME COLOR, BUT AH-CHAN JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.
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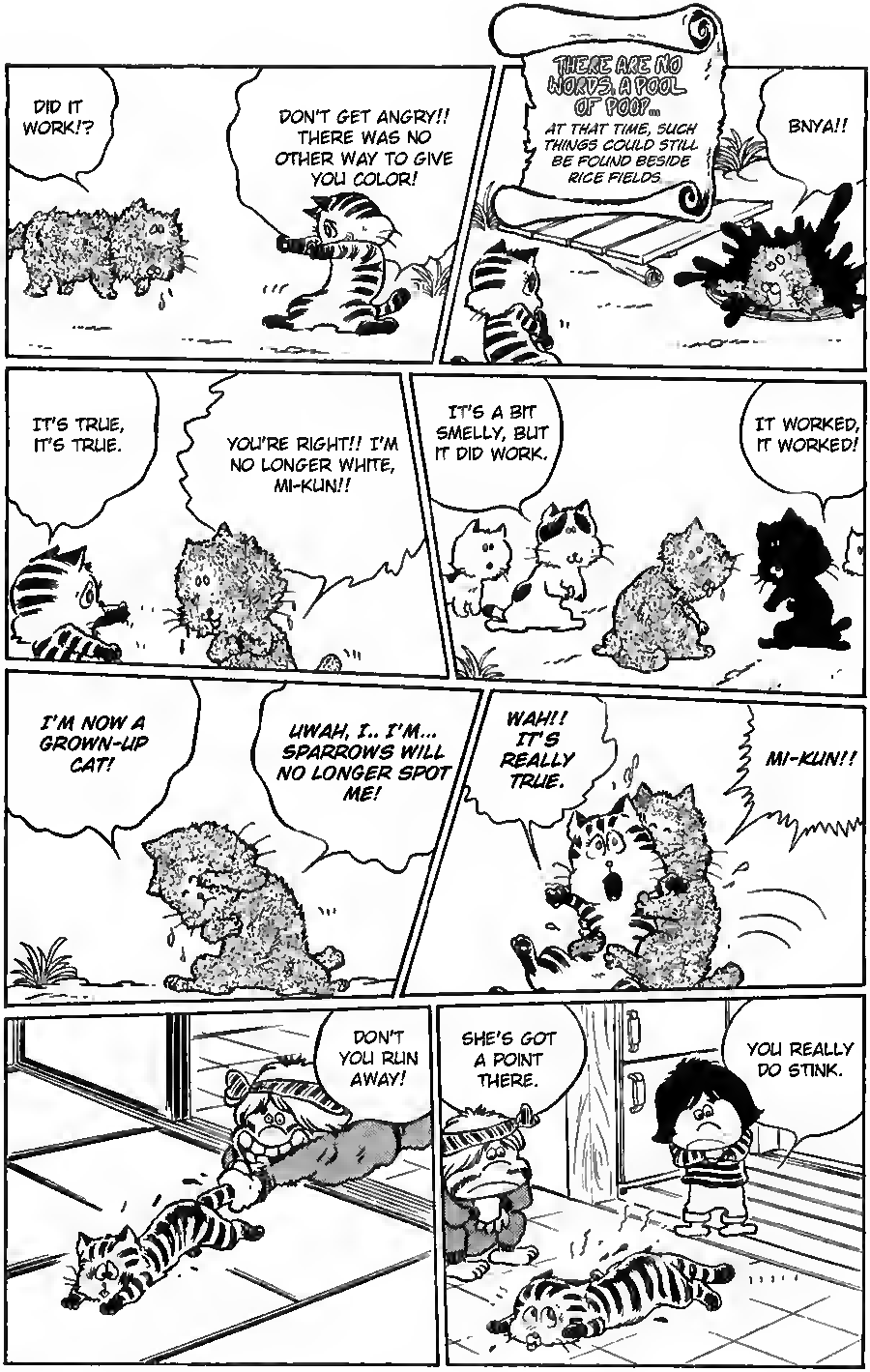
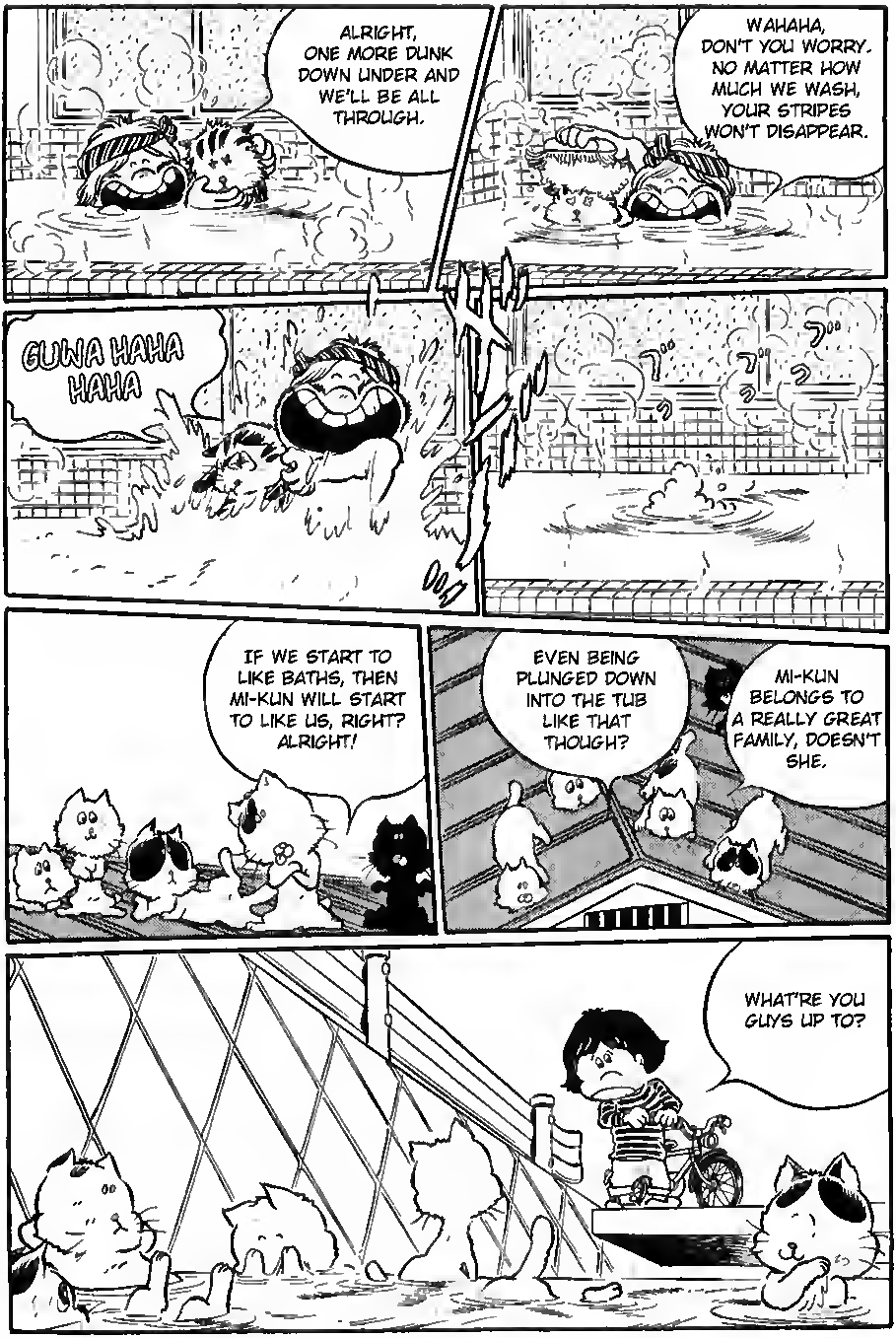
DON'T YOU RUN.
IT'LL HAPPEN PRETTY SOON.


DID IT WORK!?
DON'T GET ANGRY!! THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO GIVE YOU COLOR!
THERE ARE NO WORDS, A POOL OF POO?...
AT THAT TIME, SUCH THINGS COULD STILL BE FOUND BESIDE RICE FIELDS.
BNYA!!
IT'S TRUE, IT'S TRUE.
YOU'RE RIGHT!! I'M NO LONGER WHITE, MI-KUN!!
IT'S A BIT SMELLY, BUT IT DID WORK.
IT WORKED, IT WORKED!
I'M NOW A GROWN-UP CAT!
UWAH, I.. I'M... SPARROWS WILL NO LONGER SPOT ME!
WAH!! IT'S REALLY TRUE.
MI-KUN!!
DON'T YOU RUN AWAY!
SHE'S GOT A POINT THERE.
YOU REALLY DO STINK.


ALRIGHT, ONE MORE DUNK DOWN UNDER AND WE'LL BE ALL THROUGH.
WAHAHA, DON'T YOU WORRY. NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE WASH, YOUR STRIPES WON'T DISAPPEAR.
GUWA HAHA HAHA
IF WE START TO LIKE BATHS, THEN MI-KUN WILL START TO LIKE US, RIGHT? ALRIGHT!
EVEN BEING PLUNGED DOWN INTO THE TUB LIKE THAT THOUGH?
MI-KUN BELONGS TO A REALLY GREAT FAMILY, DOESN'T SHE.
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS UP TO?

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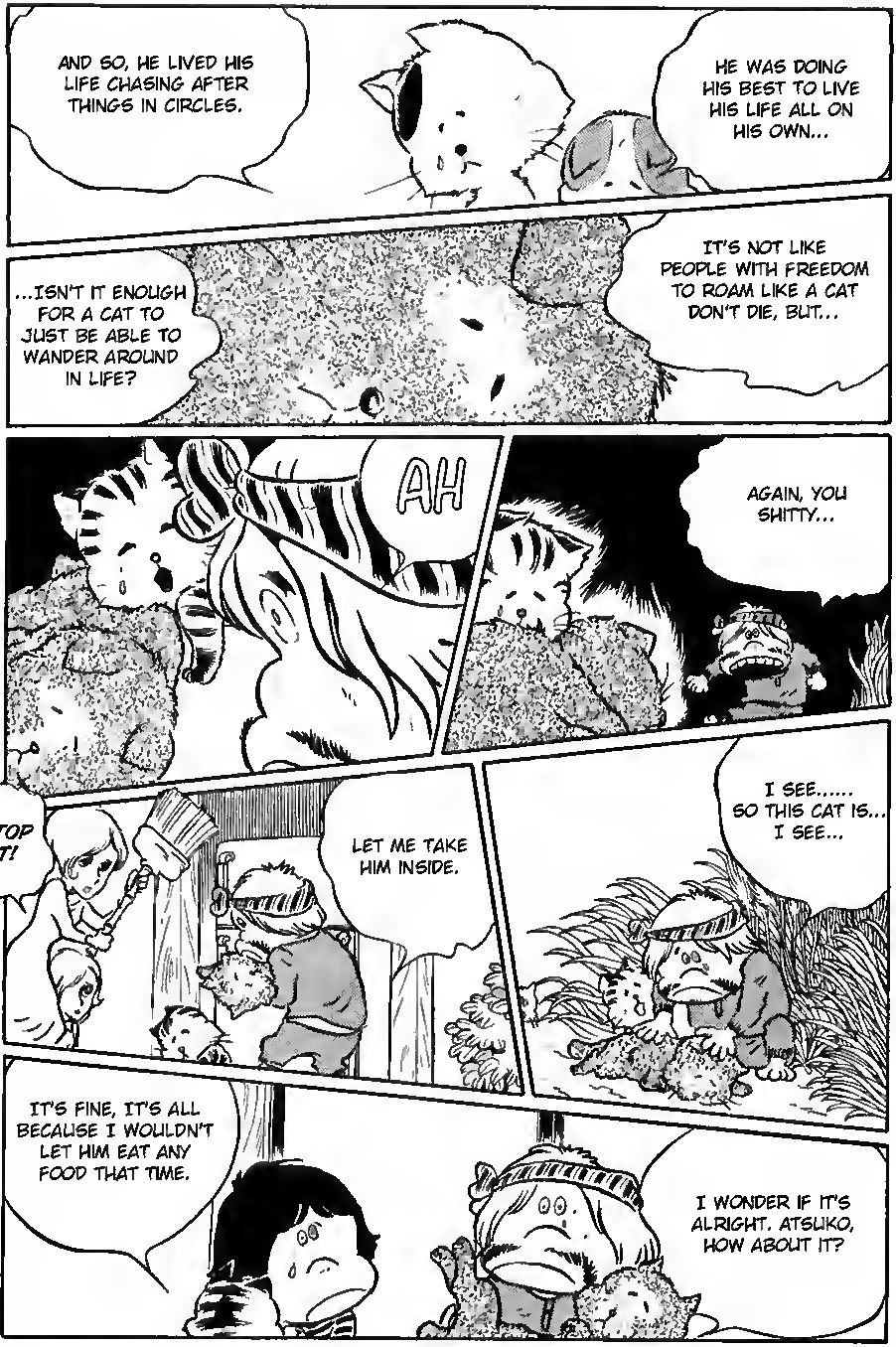
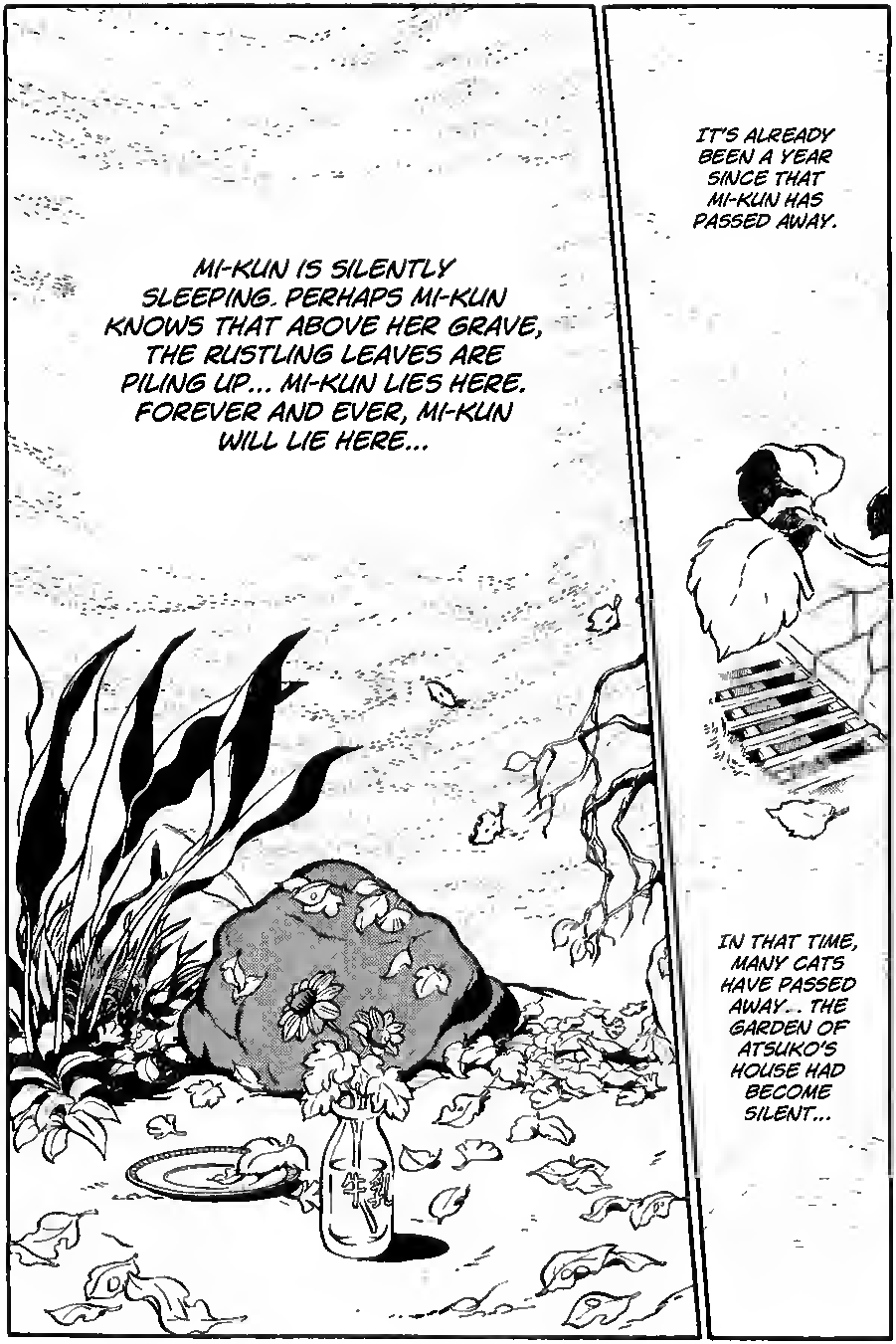
MI-KUN!!
CATS SHOULD ACT LIKE CATS.
CAUGHT IT... ON MY OWN...
I CAUGHT THIS.
OH, IT'S SHIROBUTA-KUN.
SHIRO-BUTA.....!!
SHIRO-BUTA...

THEN SHIROBUTA..... HE WAS... HE WAS TRYING HIS HARDEST TO...
WHEN HE CAUGHT THAT DUCK, HE WAS GIVEN A GOOD BEATING AND HIS STOMACH HAD GOTTEN ALL SWOLLEN...
HE'S DEAD!!
IN THE END, SHIROBUTA DIED JUST LIKE AN ALLEY CAT.
HE JUST WANTED TO CATCH A SPARROW!!
I'M SORRY, SHIROBUTA-KUN, I'M SO SORRY.
EVEN CATS HAVE A A LOT TO DO IN LIFE, DON'T THEY...?
HIS FUR'S COLOR WAS PLAIN SINCE BIRTH AND NO ONE EVER PICKED HIM UP.
HE NEVER ONCE ATE UNTIL HIS STOMACH WAS READY TO BURST.
THIS GUY, HE NEVER ONCE EVEN SLEPT NESTLED BETWEEN TWO WARM FUTONS.


AND SO, HE LIVED HIS LIFE CHASING AFTER THINGS IN CIRCLES.
HE WAS DOING HIS BEST TO LIVE HIS LIFE ALL ON HIS OWN...
...ISN'T IT ENOUGH FOR A CAT TO JUST BE ABLE TO WANDER AROUND IN LIFE?
IT'S NOT LIKE PEOPLE WITH FREEDOM TO ROAM LIKE A CAT DON'T DIE, BUT...
AH
AGAIN, YOU SHITTY...
STOP IT!
LET ME TAKE HIM INSIDE.
I SEE..... SO THIS CAT IS... I SEE...
IT'S FINE, IT'S ALL BECAUSE I WOULDN'T LET HIM EAT ANY FOOD THAT TIME.
I WONDER IF IT'S ALRIGHT. ATSUKO, HOW ABOUT IT?

HE'LL DEFINITELY BE REBORN TIGER-STRIPED JUST LIKE MI-KUN.
HE LIKED MI-KUN, SO...
I'M CERTAIN HE'S ALREADY BEEN REBORN SOMEWHERE!
I WONDER IF YOU'LL BE REBORN AS A BLACK TIGER THIS TIME AROUND.
MI-KUN, ARE YOU HAPPY?
NYAN...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MI-KUN.
THAT NIGHT, MI-KUN WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY...
MANY DIFFERENT CATS CHEERFULLY CAME OVER AND THEY WERE EXTREMELY HAPPY.
NYA!


MI-KUN IS SILENTLY SLEEPING. PERHAPS MI-KUN KNOWS THAT ABOVE HER GRAVE, THE RUSTLING LEAVES ARE PILING UP... MI-KUN LIES HERE. FOREVER AND EVER, MI-KUN WILL LIE HERE...
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE THAT MI-KUN HAS PASSED AWAY.
IN THAT TIME, MANY CATS HAVE PASSED AWAY... THE GARDEN OF ATSUKO'S HOUSE HAD BECOME SILENT...